

Protective Orders

Proposed protective orders may be submitted through the Utilities function in CM/ECF pursuant to a stipulation of the parties, and such stipulations are encouraged. However, protective orders may not contain language that authorizes in advance the filing of documents under seal. Filings under seal are governed by Local Rule 5.3.

No party shall file or otherwise tender to the Clerk any item proposed for sealing unless the Court has entered an order allowing filing under seal. Whenever a motion or stipulation to seal is filed, the party seeking to file under seal shall submit a proposed order which states the particular reason the seal is required. The proposed order shall be submitted through the Utilities function in CM/ECF.

Proposed protective orders submitted to the Court for entry should not contain any language that conflicts with the foregoing provision.

[Sample Standard Protective Order](#)

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